GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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EXPLOITATION OF AGRICULTURAL WORKERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to non-existence of a comprehensive law for the Agricultural workers, they become victims of all sorts of exploitations;

(b) whether a proposal is under active consideration for enactment of a comprehensive law in this regard; and

(c) if so, the time by which it is likely to be introduced?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) to (c): Sir, the Government is aware of problems of agricultural workers and a proposal to enact a central legislation for regulation of employment, wages, dispute settlement and welfare measures etc. for them has been under consideration and discussed in the meetings of the State Labour Ministers and various other fora but in the absence of consensus among the State Governments, it could not be enacted.